

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 0065 as follows.

[0065] In addition, each resource has an associated transmission attempts count (Attempts), as well as a failure count (Failure Count) that can be incremented or decremented by the failure determination procedures 392 (Figure 3A). In use, the failure determination procedures 392 (Figure 3A) are used to determine if a particular resource is likely to have failed. Each time a copy operation is attempted, the corresponding Attempts Count for each device or resource involved in the data transfer is incremented. Each time a copy operation fails, the Failure Count is incremented for each resource that is potentially responsible for the failure. In some embodiments, the master receives an indication from the receiving slave indicating which resource(s) are believed to be responsible for the failure. The failure determination procedures 392 (Figure 3A) then increment the failure count (Failure Count) for those resources. For instance, the [[salve]] slave requesting a copy of a file block may determine that the failure was due to insufficient disk space in the requesting slave, or that it was unable to read the received file block from its own storage, in which case the slave's message will indicate that the failure occurred in the requesting slave. In one embodiment, if the requesting slave is unable to determine that a failure occurred in the requesting slave, then the presumption will be that the failure occurred elsewhere, in which case the Failure Count for all other resources involved in the copy operation will be incremented.